PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2856

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Naohiro YOSHIDA Group Art Unit: 2856

Application No.: 10/590,855 Examiner: M. SHABMAN

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For: GAS LEAK DETECTION DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 17, 2008 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, and in consideration of the October 15 personal interview with the Examiners, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Shabman and William during the October 15 personal interview. A summary of the substance of the personal interview is contained in the following remarks.

The Office Action, on page 4, rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,825,198 to Rolker et al. (hereinafter "Rolker") in view of